

THE FIRE RECORD.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

ELEVEN PERSONS CRUSHED BY FALLING WALLS—LOSSES FROM TWO TO THREE MILLION DOLLARS AT GALVESTON.

Early yesterday morning Sanford, Glover & Sons' hat factory at Bridgeport, Conn., was burned. Steam fire engines were promptly on the spot, but a deficiency in the water supply rendered them helpless to save the property. While 12 men were attempting to remove property from the office the walls, which appear to have been flimsily constructed, fell, crushing 11 of their number to death. At Galveston, Texas, 23 buildings were burned in the business part of the city, causing a loss of property estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

ELEVEN PERSONS KILLED.

GLOVER, SANFORD & SONS' HAT FACTORY BURNED AT BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—ELEVEN PERSONS CRUSHED BY FALLING WALLS.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 8.—The most disastrous fire, if we take into account the loss of life, and one of the most destructive, looking at the loss of property, ever experienced in Bridgeport, occurred about midnight last night.

At 11:30 p. m. the outside watchman at the Union Metallic Cartridge Works discovered light in the fourth story of Glover, Sanford & Sons' factory, situated across the railroad from the cartridge works. An alarm was immediately sounded, which was followed by a second, and the whole Fire Department responded. As is almost invariably the case in this city, the water supply proved insufficient, and after exhausting the street main, the steamers took water from swamp holes and ponds in the vicinity wherever water was obtainable, but in the mean time the fire had got beyond control.

It appears to have originated in the drying or mixing room in the north-west corner of the third story of the main building, and ran along that floor until it reached the dummy, by means of which the fire was communicated to the stories below. The main building was 280 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 4½ stories high. To the top of a high basement the brick walls were 16 inches thick, but above that came a story 18 feet, and two others 11 feet high, surmounted by an attic, all supported by 12-inch walls, the windows being 48 inches wide and the columns between them only 40 inches. It will be seen that there was little probability of the walls standing. It is in consequence of this fact that the loss of life occurred.

FALLING OF THE WALLS.

While volunteers were engaged in removing goods from the building, an entrance was effected into the office, a one-story building at the north-east corner of the factory, and a dozen or twenty men rushed in and began to get out the safe, counter, and other appurtenances, when suddenly, and without warning to those inside, the back and then the front walls fell out, leaving the two highest walls unsupported. The one adjoining the office leaned outward, and as a shriek went up from hundreds of spectators, fell upon the roof of the office, crashing through to the basement, and burring in the ruins those who had been engaged in the rescue.

One man who escaped with a gash on his forehead, when interrogated as to whether any one remained in side, replied that there were a dozen in there, which number proves to have been nearly correct. 11 bodies having been recovered, nearly all of them fearfully crushed and more or less burned. At the same time the east end wall also fell, carrying fire into a building 110 feet long and 50 feet wide. This was also completely destroyed, together with the engine and boiler rooms adjoining.

The walls fell at about 12:30 a. m., and as soon as possible search for the missing was begun, but it was 5 o'clock before the first body was recovered. During the next hour eight more were found, and by 10:30 two others had been taken from the ruins. They were all placed in wooden boxes, labeled, and taken charge by Bishop & Cullinan, at whose rooms they awaited the arrival of the coroner's jury.

THE DEATH LIST.

The names of those recovered were as follows: ACKER, O. J.—A trucking residing on Broad-st., age 50 years. He was engaged in directing the removal of the safe, and was found head downward, with limbs bent off to the knees. He leaves a wife and four children.

ACKES, GEORGE—Son of the above, age 20 years; crushed but not badly disfigured.

COYNE, JAMES—A boy, 14 years old; severely maimed, partially blind. Lived in East Main-st., age 38 years, badly crushed, and arm and leg burned off; he leaves a wife and four children.

GALLAGHER, JOHN—Age 35 years; his head completely crushed; the body, 1; he was identified by cards in his pocket.

MOLONEY, JOHN—Age 28 years; hand gone. He worked for the Envy Cutters Company, and had recently moved to New Haven.

OTIS, EDWARD—Age 30 years; body much mangled. He leaves a wife and children.

SIMIL, HUGH—Age 26 years. He leaves a wife and two children. His remains are now interred.

TORRIS, JOHN—Age 22 years. Was maimed and recognized, and was recognized by a watch and ring on his person.

THE CORONER'S VERDICT.

The coroner's jury were in session all the afternoon and evening, and after an exhaustive examination rendered the following unanimous verdict: "The jury find that 11 persons came to their deaths by the falling of the east wall of Glover, Sanford & Sons' factory, caused by the burning of the building. They further find that the supply of water from hydrants was wholly inadequate. Had there been sufficient water, the Fire Department would have stopped the conflagration which caused the falling of the walls."

THE LOSS IN PROPERTY.

The original building was erected at a cost of \$110,000. It was occupied by the Sanfords in 1864, and they have since made extensive additions. Their loss on building, machinery, and stock will reach about \$250,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$150,000. There were about 15,000 hats ready for shipment, most of which were destroyed. The cartridge factory opposite was threatened, but was saved by its steam-pump and the efforts of the Fire Department.

The hat shop at this time gave employment to 250 hands, but was to have started on Monday with a full force. It is not yet determined whether the factory will be rebuilt, but certainly not unless a change is made in the water supply. The Sanfords say they will sell or lease rather than put up a new factory without better facilities for extinguishing fire. They had houses on every floor, but no water could be had.

THE INSURANCE.

The following is the total insurance: Company of New-York.....\$2,500 Atlantic of Providence.....2,500 Fire Association of Philadelphia.....3,000 Atlantic of Hartford.....3,000 Security of New-Haven.....3,000 Merchants' of Providence.....2,500 Providence Washington of Providence.....3,000 National of Hartford.....3,000 Life of New-York.....3,000 Liverpool, London, and Globe.....5,000 Manhattan of New-York.....3,000 North-Western National.....2,500 Republic of New-York.....2,500 Atlantic of New-York.....2,500 Seaboard Commercial.....2,500 Lancashire.....2,500 American of Philadelphia.....2,500 People's of Newark.....2,000

In addition to the above there is insurance to the amount of \$35,500 through a New-York agency.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT GALVESTON. TWENTY-SIX BUILDINGS BURNED IN THE BUSINESS PART OF THE CITY—LOSS OVER \$2,000,000.

GALVESTON, Tex., June 8.—At 3:30 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the kitchen of the New-York Restaurant on Market, near Twenty-second-st., and, spreading north and east, was not extinguished until it had destroyed nearly all the buildings between Market-st. and the bay, and Thirty-first and Thirty-second-sts.

After consuming a number of shops and retail stores on Market-st., the fire crossed an alley and attacked the Grand Southern Hotel, Murphy & Brockleman's hardware establishment, and several frame buildings on the south side of Mechanics-st., the old Washington Hotel, Old Fellow's Hall, Seigle's Bank, the First National Bank, Marx & Kemper's wholesale grocery house, Jacobs & Beckhardt's wholesale clothing house, T. C. Thompson & Co.'s wholesale drug house, J. S. Brown & Co.'s wholesale hardware house, Bancit & Co.'s ship stores, Geo. Schneider & Co.'s wholesale grocery house, G. Seelig & Co.'s grocery house, Friburg, Klein & Co.'s liquor stores, D. T. Avery's grocery, the Cotton Exchange, and other buildings were destroyed.

The total number of buildings destroyed is 26, and the loss is estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. It is impossible, owing to the excitement and confusion, to

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUTS IN BROADWAY.

* 9 a. m., 68°. Noon, 75°. 3 p. m., 80°. Night, 67°.

Bureau, marking the day, 70°. Lowest, 63°.

Average, 71°. Same day, 1876, 74°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

THE MONTENEGRIN CONFlict. THREE THOUSAND MEN LOST TO THE TURKS—THE MONTE NEGRIAN IN A STRONG POSITION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Friday, June 8, 1877.

The Montenegrins on Wednesday attacked Spuz and were defeated, leaving 23 dead and 60 wounded.

VIENNA, Friday, June 8, 1877.

The Political Correspondence details the fighting on the 4th inst., near Kustae and Piva. Both sides fought with great bravery the whole day. The Turks, notwithstanding strenuous efforts in which they lost 3,000 men, failed to advance nearer to Piva. The Montenegrins again entrenched themselves along the pass between Kustae and Presjeka.

LONDON, Saturday, June 9, 1877.

The Times' Ostroff correspondent, who draws information from official Montenegrin sources, telegraphs the following account of recent operations, under date of Friday: The Turks moved in two columns, one going to the relief of Goransko, and were defeated, leaving 23 dead and 60 wounded.

The latter column attacked the entrenched lines of Gen. Vukovics with great gallantry, but were repulsed, being twice driven back on the reserves. The third attack was also repulsed, the Turks taking up a position opposite Kustae, where they still remained when the last courier left.

In spite of this alleged third repulse of the Turks the account proceeds to state that Gen. Vukovics fell back on his second line of the Duga at 3 o'clock the next morning, where he has not been molested.

It appears from this report, which certainly does not unduly exaggerate the success of the Turks, that if Gen. Vukovics' positions were not actually stormed he is placed in such a position as to be obliged to abandon them.

The account continues: The Turkish loss in dead in this engagement is about 3,000. Six hundred dead were counted in the front intrenchments of one Montenegro battalion. The other Turkish column going to Goransko was met by Gen. Socia and driven back to Muratovitsa, where it was encamped at the latest information. As the defeat of this column would leave the rear of Suleiman Pasha's army exposed, it is probable he will attack Gen. Socia before moving on Gen. Vukovics again.

ANOTHER TURKISH INVASION THREATENED. From Vienna news comes that Prince Nikola has sent reinforcements to the Montenegrins defeated at Kustae, and that they have taken up a position at Presjeka toward the end of the Duga Pass in the direction of Nisces, where probably another attempt will be made to stop Suleiman on his way to provision that place. But for this purpose only a portion of the forces could be spared, as a Turkish invasion threatens Montenegro from a third side, to which hitherto no attention seems to have been paid, namely from Svenitz. The report of this third division in favor of the Turks seems undoubtedly true, being confirmed by Turkish official bulletins, and from other more trustworthy sources.

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